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Guide Annuel de Madagascar et Dépendances. Printed by the Government. Antananarivo, 1903.

It is difficult for the reader to realize, with this book before him, containing 846 pages of information about Madagascar, "for the use of colonists, planters, merchants, manufacturers, officials and travellers," that it is only about nine years since the French army entered Madagascar. The progress made since the restoration of peace is illustrated to some extent by the annual appearance of this reference book, which is an encyclopædia of information about the island and its present condition. The volume includes twenty-six sketch maps, tracing what is known of the geology of the island, the distribution of forests, colonists, post offices, and telegraph lines, the canal and land routes, as well as maps of the provinces on a larger scale. There are also a number of photogravures showing towns, coffee plantations, meat-preserving works, and other industrial plants. The letterpress includes an excellent geographical description of the island and full information for colonists, who, if they read with care the part of the volume especially intended for them, will have no illusions as to the prospects in Madagascar. They are told that the pioneers who help to develop that country will have to work very hard, that there are many disappointments, and that intelligence, temperance, courage, and industry are required. Climatology, commerce, industrial enterprises, and all the leading interests of the island are described.

Nyasaland Under the Foreign Office. By H. L. Duff. 422 pp., 17 illustrations, map and index. George Bell & Sons, London, 1903.

Mr. Duff was a member for several years of the British Central Africa Administration, his duties calling him as far north as Deep Bay, on Lake Nyasa, though most of his time was spent in the highlands south of the lake. His book, prepared largely among the scenes described, is a well-arranged and admirably-written account of the Protectorate, the methods and results of its government, the qualities and industries of its native inhabitants, the flora and fauna, and many other aspects of the region. It gives in convenient compass all that is needed to acquaint the reader with past and existing conditions in this part of Africa. Peace has spread over the land in which almost incessant warfare was waged before the tribal organizations were replaced by a humane Government, strong enough to enforce its laws and suppress disorder. Larger books